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REMARKS

Claims 3-11, 48, 57-60, 64-65, 68-71, and 74-85 have been objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten independent form.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowed claim 3, and claim 3 has been cancelled. Accordingly, claim 1 and the claims dependent therefrom are believed to be allowable.

Independent claim 50 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowed claim 57, and claim 57 has been canceled. Accordingly, claim 50 and the claims dependent therefrom are believed to be allowable.

New claims 88-90 correspond to allowed claims 7 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 1), 8 and 9. Accordingly, these claims are believed to be allowable.

New claims 91-92 correspond to allowed claims 10 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 1) and 11. Accordingly, these claims are believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 93 corresponds to allowed claim 59 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 50). Accordingly, this claim is believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 94 corresponds to allowed claim 60 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 50). Accordingly, this claim is believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 95 corresponds to allowed claim 64 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 1). New dependent claims 96-101 correspond to the subject matter of claims 67-71 and 86. Accordingly these claims are believed to be allowable.

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New independent claim 102 corresponds to allowed claim 65 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 1). Accordingly, this claim is believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 103 corresponds to allowed claim 68 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 1). Accordingly, this claim is believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 104 corresponds to allowed claim 69 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 1). Accordingly, this claim is believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 105 corresponds to allowed claim 70 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 1). Accordingly, this claim is believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 106 corresponds to allowed claim 71 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 1). Accordingly, this claim is believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 107 corresponds to allowed claim 74 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 50). Dependent claims 108-111 correspond to the subject matter of claims 55-58. Accordingly, these claims are believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 112 corresponds to allowed claim 75 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 50). Accordingly, this claim is believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 113 corresponds to allowed claim 76 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 50). Accordingly, this claim is believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 114 corresponds to allowed claim 77 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 50). Accordingly, this claim is believed to be allowable.

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New independent claim 115 corresponds to allowed claim 78 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 50). Accordingly, this claim is believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 116 corresponds to allowed claim 79 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 50). New dependent claims 117 and 118 correspond to the subject matter of claims 80 and 81. Accordingly, these claims are believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 119 corresponds to allowed claim 82. Accordingly, this claim is believed to be allowable.

New independent claim 120 corresponds to allowed claim 83 (incorporating the subject matter of claim 50). New dependent claims 121-122 correspond to the subject matter of claims 84-85. Accordingly, these claims are believed to be allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 50-52, 55, 56, 61, 67, 68, 86, and 87 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Bidiville (US Pat. No. 5,703,356). In view of the above amendments, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and this rejection is now moot. Accordingly, no further comment thereon is believed necessary at this time.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and indication thereof are respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

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